

# Helping People Build Skills to Compete in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Economy Jobs Plan Highlights

*Investing in education and workforce development to give Rhode Islanders of all ages the best tools possible for success*

## **Early Education: Putting our youngest learners on a path to opportunity**

- Makes record investments in K-12 schools with a \$35.5 million increase from last year
- Funds full implementation of all-day kindergarten across Rhode Island
- Triples the number of state sponsored pre-k classrooms by 2019

## **Support Preparing for College or a Career**

**Prepare RI** – Makes getting a degree or an industry certification more affordable and attainable by empowering every qualifying public high school student across the state to take postsecondary courses while in high school at no cost to the student

**P-TECH** - Creates partnerships among high schools, colleges, and employers, enabling students to earn associate's degrees and obtain first-in-line opportunities for jobs in Rhode Island

**Real Jobs RI** - Establishes an employer-based workforce development initiative that partners with businesses to make sure we're training people to fill existing vacancies

## **Higher Education**

**Last Dollar Scholarship** - Creates last dollar scholarships students with proven academic performance but for whom higher education might otherwise be unattainable by eliminating a redundant and antiquated state bureaucracy (RIHEAA)

**Stay Invested in RI Wave Maker Fellowship** - Works to keep talent in Rhode Island by paying a portion of selected students' loan debt, especially for those who are pursuing careers in technology, engineering, design, and other key sectors